

U.S. Mission to the United Arab Emirates  
U.S. Embassy Abu Dhabi – U.S. Consulate General Dubai  
**Warden Message #9 /2011: Oman Travel Guidance**

March 17, 2011

The U.S. Embassy in Muscat, Oman issued the following warden message on March 17, 2011. The U.S. Mission to the United Arab Emirates is repeating the message for Americans in the UAE. Note that Sohar, Oman is along the primary land route between the UAE-Oman border crossings and Muscat, Oman. Ibri, Oman is along the southern road route that links Al Ain, UAE with Muscat and Salalah, Oman.

In the event of an emergency, such as the death or arrest of an American citizen, the Embassy and Consulate General stand ready to assist 24 hours a day. You may contact the duty officers at +971-2-414-2500.

The U.S. Embassy in Abu Dhabi is located in the Embassies District, Plot 38, Sector W59-02, Street No. 4, P.O. Box 4009. Telephone: +971-2-414-2200, fax: +971-2-414-2241, email: [abudhabiacs@state.gov](mailto:abudhabiacs@state.gov), on the web: <http://abudhabi.usembassy.gov/>. For after-hours emergencies in Abu Dhabi, call +971-2-414-2500 and ask for the Abu Dhabi Duty Officer.

The U.S. Consulate General in Dubai is located on the 21st floor of the Dubai World Trade Center, P.O. Box 9343. Telephone: +971-4-311-6000, fax: +971-4-311-6213, email: [dubaiwarden@state.gov](mailto:dubaiwarden@state.gov), on the web: <http://dubai.usconsulate.gov/>. For after-hours emergencies in Dubai or the Northern Emirates, call +971-2-414-2500 and ask for the Dubai Duty Officer.

BEGIN TEXT OF U.S. EMBASSY MUSCAT WARDEN MESSAGE OF MARCH 17, 2011:

The U.S. Embassy Advises U.S. Citizens to Avoid Travel to Ibri, Exercise Caution in Sohar, and Avoid Demonstrations throughout the Sultanate of Oman

The U.S. Embassy advises U.S. citizens in Oman to avoid non-essential travel to Ibri due to recent demonstrations. Media reports recently indicated that protestors have damaged buildings and vehicles.

The U.S. Embassy also continues to advise U.S. citizens to use caution when transiting or visiting Sohar. The roads leading to and from Sohar are periodically re-routed because of demonstrations and labor unrest.

Spontaneous and/or planned demonstrations take place in Oman from time to time in response to world events or local developments. We remind U.S. citizens that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. U.S. citizens are therefore urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. U.S. citizens should review their personal plans, stay current with media coverage of local events, and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

For the latest security information, U.S. citizens living and traveling abroad should regularly monitor the Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs Internet website, where the

current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, as well as the Country Specific Information for Oman can be found. Up-to-date information on security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or, for callers outside the United States and Canada, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

U.S. citizens living or traveling in Oman are encouraged to enroll in the Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) so that they can obtain updated information on travel and security. U.S. citizens without Internet access may enroll directly with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the Embassy or Consulate to contact them in case of emergency. For additional information, please refer to "A Safe Trip Abroad".

U.S. citizens without Internet access may enroll directly with the U.S. Embassy in Muscat. The Embassy's phone number is (968) 2464-3400. This new phone number is also for after-hours emergencies.

U.S. citizens wishing to contact the Consular Section may do so via email at [ConsularMuscat@state.gov](mailto:ConsularMuscat@state.gov) or fax at (968) 2464-3535. American Citizens Services are available by appointment from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Tuesday and Wednesday and between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. on Monday. When visiting the embassy, please bring two forms of government-issued identification with photographs, as you will need to leave one with the security guards while inside the building.

The U.S. Embassy is located on Jameat A'Duwal Al Arabiya Street in the diplomatic area of Shatti al Qurum in the capital city of Muscat. The Embassy is closed on Omani and U.S. federal holidays.

END TEXT OF EMBASSY MUSCAT WARDEN MESSAGE.